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Mr. Michael Berkoff
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Dear Mr. Berkoff:

Re: Monthly Progress Report - December 2010
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property Operable Unit No. 7
Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site
Allegan and Kalamazoo County

As required by Task 8, Progress Reports in the Statement of Work of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property, please find attached three copies of the Progress Report No. 50 for the period of December 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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**Progress Report No. 50
December 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010**

**Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property
Plainwell, Michigan**

This progress report is being submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in accordance with Task 8: Progress Reports and the Schedule for Major Deliverables contained in the Statement of Work for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), pursuant to the terms of the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit No. 4 and the Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property (Site) Operational Unit No. 7 of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Consent Decree), which became effective February 22, 2005.

1. Work Performed

- Continued development of RI report and design of base map showing Phase II RI and Supplemental Phase II RI sample locations and relevant Site features
- Submitted Fannie Pell Park Bridge Footing Soil and Groundwater Investigation Work Plan to the U.S. EPA on December 3, 2010
- Conference calls with representatives from the U.S. EPA, MDEQ, and Weyerhaeuser Company on December 1, 2010 to discuss the schedule submitted with Progress Report No. 48 and on December 17, 2010 to discuss alternative mechanisms for performance of activities in an interim capacity prior to issuance of the Record of Decision (ROD) and additional information requested by U.S. EPA relating to the Fannie Pell Park Bridge Footing Soil and Groundwater Investigation Work Plan

2. Data Received

- Portions of the data from the Phase II RI sampling activities conducted in January/February 2010 have been received and are undergoing quality assurance/quality control validation. Receipt of remaining data is anticipated for early January 2011, which will undergo quality assurance/quality control validation. The data will be tabulated and provided in future progress reports once this process is complete.
- With the exception of some outstanding Synthetic Precipitation Leaching Procedure (SPLP) data, all data from the Supplemental Phase II RI sampling activities conducted in May/June 2010 have been received and are undergoing quality assurance/quality control validation. The data will be tabulated and provided in future progress reports once this process is complete.

**3. Modifications to Work Plans or Other Schedules
Proposed to, or Approved by, the U.S. EPA**

- Weyerhaeuser Company will update the project schedule based on the December 2010 conference calls and submit to the U.S. EPA with the January 2011 progress report.

4. Problems Encountered and Planned Resolution

- None

5. Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period

- Continue quality assurance/quality control validation of January/February 2010 and May/June 2010 laboratory analytical data as it is received
- Continue work on RI Report
- Completion of appropriate characterization and disposal of remaining solid investigation derived waste (IDW)

6. Anticipated Development with Work during the Next Period

- Conference call with representatives from the U.S. EPA, MDEQ, City of Plainwell, and Weyerhaeuser Company on January 4, 2011 to discuss alternative mechanisms for performance of activities in an interim capacity prior to issuance of the ROD, the cost for using steel plates as an alternative to cover the coal tunnel during construction activities, and U.S. EPA comments on the Fannie Pell Park Bridge Footing Soil and Groundwater Investigation Work Plan
- Submittal of revised Fannie Pell Park Bridge Footing Soil and Groundwater Investigation Work Plan on January 5, 2011 to the U.S. EPA, MDEQ, and City of Plainwell

7. Other Relevant Information

- None